Amendments to the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented): A plasmid comprising a vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative, wherein the vector contains more than 1 repetitive SK primer sequence element.

2. (previously presented): The plasmid of claim 1, wherein the vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative comprises 2, 7, 14, 21 or 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

3. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1, wherein **a hybridizing sequence comprising a detectable element is bound to** the SK primer sequence elements ~~**comprise a marker that binds to a target structure during hybridization [complex]**~~.

4. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1**, wherein the vector pBluescript KS(+) derivative comprises two SK primer sequence elements, and** wherein SK primer sequence element is 5' - GATCCACTAGTTCTAGAGCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 5).

5. (currently amended): The plasmid of claim 1 wherein SK oligonucleotides **which are modified at their end with a detectable element** ~~**with end modification**~~ can be bound thereto **and said [[by a]]** detectable element **[[that]]** is detectable by electron microscopy.

6. (previously presented): The plasmid of claim 5, wherein the detectable element is selected from the group consisting of boron, silicon, iron and manganese.

7. (currently amended): A method of ~~detecting a target structure by~~ analytical electron microscopy, comprising the steps: ~~of adding~~

a) providing the plasmid of claim 1;

b) adding ~~a marker~~ **SK oligonucleotides comprising a detectable element** to the plasmid, thereby forming ~~to form~~ a plasmid-marker complex; **and**

~~c) binding the plasmid-marker complex to the target structure; and~~

~~d)~~ imaging the ~~bound~~ complex by electron microscopy.

8. (previously presented): A host cell transformed with the plasmid of claim 1.

9. (previously presented): The host cell of claim 8, wherein the host cell is *E. coli* JM110.

10. (previously presented): A test kit for use in electron microscopy comprising:

a) host *E. coli* JM110 bacterial cells suitable for replicating the plasmid of claim 1; and

b) a single-stranded plasmid comprising at least one of 2, 7, 14, 21, and 27 repetitive SK primer sequence elements.

11. (previously presented): The host cell of claim 8, wherein the cell is *E. coli*.

12. (previously presented): A reagent for electron microscopy comprising a pBluescript KS(+) derivative that comprises a multiple SK primer sequence element; and a SK oligonucleotide with end modification by a detectable element, wherein the element is detectable by electron microscopy.

13. (previously presented): The reagent of claim 12, wherein the detectable element is selected from the group consisting of boron, silicon, iron and manganese.